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BIASING A DOCK LEVELER

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Sir:

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These references were cited in the International Search Report dated 18 February 2005.

No further elaboration is believed necessary. Copies of the search report and cited art are submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a).

AUTHORIZATION

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